

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN  
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

**April 5, 2005**

**7:00 PM**

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were thirteen Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Roy, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Porter, O’Neil,  
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith and Forest

Absent: Alderman Thibault

Mayor Baines stated before I begin the meeting I have kind of a sad announcement Linda Wihby, Dave Wihby’s wife’s mother passed away. The wake will be from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 on Wednesday at the McHugh Funeral Home and on Thursday at 10:00 AM at St. Catherine’s Church and I would like us to observe a moment of silent prayer in memory.

Mayor Baines stated on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the citizens of the City our deepest sympathy to the Helen Freneau Family. Now, we do have a Boy Scout with us tonight and we’d like to introduce him. He is Andrew Rothwell from Troop 91 and my son was in that Boy Scout Troop...Daniel Webster Council and he’s working toward his Communications Merit Badge. Welcome to City Hall, good luck to you. I always tell young people stick with scouting. I stayed with scouting all through high school and sometimes a lot of peer pressure not to do that but if you stick with scouting and climb up that scout ladder as far as you can it’s something you’ll be proud of for the rest of your life and I commend you for being involved in scouting, it’s a great movement.

Presentation of an “Arts Award” by the Arts Commission to Ted Herbert.

We do have a special presentation this evening unfortunately our guest of honor was not able to make it this evening but I would like to have Ted Herbert’s family, the Piaseczny family come up so that I can make this special presentation to Ted Herbert. This is Marlene, Mark and Thad...believe it or not we were all in high school together at one time at Memorial High School, the Memorial High School Band...this is the first time I’ve ever seen Mark with a tie on. As you know for many years Ted Herbert...I think just about everybody on this Board knows or as he was born Thaddeus Piaseczny was really a legend not only for his store in Downtown Manchester but for his contributions to the arts community. I remember as a young lad going to the Music Mart at the corner of Bridge and Elm, I think it was the second floor, third floor okay and taking baritone lessons from Kenny Wenzel and then I

went on to a career in music education and Ted was the kind of support that any new music educator would love to have. He was always there with the extra things if you needed things for your students and your programs, if you needed some support of if you couldn't get purchase orders through in time he'd send the instrument anyway and say worry about it later. He was generous to so many young musicians and music educators through the years and his contributions to music in this community is legendary. The largest number of people that literally come down to Downtown Manchester with the exception of the Verizon Wireless Arena is to Ted Herbert's Music Mart...thousands of students come down here for music lessons and they've done so for years and as you know Ted recently sold his music store but the legend of Ted Herbert shall go on forever. I had the great privilege of several years ago to ask Ted to bring his band back one more time to raise money for our high school music teacher Arthur Mirabile who passed away and the band did come back one more time and we had a packed house at The Palace Theatre and we began to raise money to establish a permanent scholarship in Arthur Mirabile's name at the University of New Hampshire and we achieved that goal. The Arts Commission is appreciative of all of Ted's contributions to the City of Manchester and the youth of our community and the youth all over New Hampshire to be honest with you and in recognition of this support we're presenting this Outstanding Achievement Award for his support in promoting and encouraging the arts here in the City of Manchester, I Robert A. Baines on behalf of the citizens of Manchester, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, the Arts Commission and everyone in the arts community present this award to Ted Herbert through his family. Congratulations for his magnificent contributions.

Mr. Mark Herbert stated let me just say that my father is in declining health, he's 89 years old. Anybody here who knows him and you certainly have seen him on the streets don't ever think that his health would totally decline, I don't think it's going to happen. But, in any event, he knows that this is happening and he's proud to receive this award. On behalf of him we humbly accept this and we thank the Arts Commission and the City of Manchester.

Mayor Baines stated maybe the Commission would like to say a few words, Peter. This is Peter Ramsey the Chair of the Arts Commission and I'd like to invite him up to say a few words.

Alderman Porter stated perhaps you could give him a set of lyrics to other Irish songs other than McNamara's Band.

Mayor Baines stated with all due respect, Alderman, I do sing some other songs with Mac's Band on occasion too.

Mr. Peter Ramsey stated thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. I'm the Co-Chairman of the Manchester Arts Commission along with the beautiful Grace Freiji who is the other Co-Chairman and I'm proud to serve and I would like to introduce the other members of the

Commission. Of course, you all know the very famous Georgie Reagan who is the past Chairman and will always be the Chairman in our hearts...

Mayor Baines interjected and now the Assistant to the Mayor for the Arts.

Mr. Ramsey stated I would like to introduce Jessica Kinsey who is a new member and of course after 30 years of...probably the best music teacher at West High School Richard Maynard. We hope to do this six or seven times a year and if you have anybody in your ward that you would like to recommend we meet every month and we'd love to hear from you or members of the general public we'd love your recommendations of people who could be honored with Arts Achievement Awards in the City of Manchester. Thank you very much.

Mayor Baines stated just a little anecdote when my wife and I got married 31 years ago we were searching around for a band for our wedding because I had to have live music and Ted Herbert came to me and he said I've already settled that my band's playing at your wedding and we had the great Ted Herbert Band and then when my daughter got married a little over two years ago Mark's band played at the wedding, so it's a great family and we appreciate them being here tonight so we could honor their dad.

Mayor Baines advised that the purpose of the special meeting is to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Baines requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Tracy Degges, 153 Cedar Street, Manchester, NH (Re: Police), stated:

I'm here tonight with a report that I took off the website for the Manchester Police Department and I'm here to talk about our Community Policing police officers. When I started comparing the numbers 25,000 calls for one year for Ward 3. That was a quarter of all calls in this City, in the whole City. I've done a comparison of every ward. Wards 3, 4 and 5 were the highest numbers but Ward 3 had the highest incidents of everything from accidents all the way down to thefts. We have four Community Police Officers in our area, four and they're not always on at night. We have one during the day. How can four Community Police Officers do a job when the numbers look like this, they can't do it and whoever's on the west side you've only got one, one Community Police Officer. I know the budgets are tight, I know money is tight but crime is getting out-of-hand. People are afraid in my ward now. I've worked for years in the City giving my time to have people come out and play and for families to come out and sit. Now, they don't want to live in my

neighborhood again. I'm starting to hear it now from landlords and from people who don't want...Ward 3 is unsafe. By these numbers? Oh, yeah it looks unsafe. I've lived in this City for over 13 years and these numbers are just horrendous and they don't lie and it's only going to get worse. I don't know what '04 to '05 is going to look like. This is just '03 to '04 that they had on the website. But, I'm hearing it from everybody...from the police, from the residents, from businesses, it's just gotten out-of-hand and it's going to be a tight summer. We need to put out more police. The police just hired four more police officers...that didn't increase our size that just went to fill four vacancies that had been there. No new police. That's about it, thank you very much for your time.

Jane Beaulieu, 609 So. Main Street, Manchester, NH ( Re: Candia Road), stated:

I think many of the City residents and Aldermen read in *The Union Leader* today about the clear cutting on Candia Road and I was notified by neighbor...I drove Candia Road a couple of weeks ago and noticed the clear cut, knew that there was a serious problem in that clear cutting...neighbors contacted me, we researched the problem and there was a community meeting called by Alderman Paul Porter last night...thank you very much, Paul...everybody gathered with DES, Highway and other representatives there from City departments...you were there...I wasn't there last night I was working but I did a lot of research for them and I do want the Aldermen to realize that this could have been prevented and should have been prevented. The City thought the State had authority, the State thought the City had authority to do the clear cutting...nobody had any permits, nobody applied for any permits...the project will continue, the construction company will find another area to put their staging for their equipment...the land, the neighbors and myself and Paul will continue meeting about the land that was clear cut not to mention the land was abutting a wetlands, so there are many violations there and we're looking to replant the forested area. So, again thank you Paul Porter for calling the meeting and I'll be working with the neighbors and Paul to make restitution. Thank you.

State Representative Keith Hirschmann, 206 Dunbarton Road, Manchester, NH (Re: Charter), stated:

I'm here tonight just to speak briefly to Charter issues and ethics. The 2003 Charter Commission spent considerable time discussing ethics of elected officials and department heads, employees...all people that are doing business with the City. What was discussed was a city officer came to our commission and gave a brief presentation. Even the air of anything in appropriate of public official leaving their employment and gaining employment from someone that does business before the City or a department head leaving the City could happen and probably hasn't really happened but it could happen at some point. What we wrote into the Charter, I thought, was some language that would prevent anything unethical happening in the future where someone would leave an Alderman's position probably a consultant or something of that nature. Anyway, I thought it important that it being the issue of the day to come in and just say review those minutes...even though that Charter failed because there was way too much to it it probably would be a good idea to visit the ethics

issue. On the State level I'd like to give you a little update that tomorrow I'm going to vote "no" there's a bill that is considering a luxury tax and it actually says "Verizon Wireless Arena" in it and I will vote "no" for the City of Manchester knowing all the work that we've put into the Fisher Cats Stadium, the Verizon Wireless Arena...we don't need to have a luxury tax or an amusement tax they call it, so I will vote "no" on that issue tomorrow.

There being no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of Alderman Smith, duly seconded by Alderman Forest, it was voted to take all comments under advisement and further to receive and file any written documentation presented.

This being a special meeting of the Board no further business was presented and on motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk